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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Janell Farmer of Quincy, who passed away on January 15, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Janell Farmer, the daughter of William and Marilyn Hilton, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 27, 1956; she graduated from Morristown High School in 1974; she received her degree from Purdue University in 1978, where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and was crowned Indiana Pork Queen; she married Jim Farmer in New Palestine, Indiana on December 18, 1982; and

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WHEREAS, Janell Farmer worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Elanco in Quincy from 1978 until 1986; she then served as an insurance agent with MassMutual until 2005; she later taught sales courses at John Wood Community College; and

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WHEREAS, Janell Farmer served on the John Wood Community College Board of Trustees for one term; she was also a longtime, active member of the John Wood Community College Foundation Board, and she started a family scholarship for John Wood Community College students; she served as a board member and volunteer of the Quincy Community Theatre, and she

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1 also volunteered at St. James Lutheran School and Unity High
2 School; and

3 WHEREAS, Janell Farmer held a deep appreciation for music,
4 attending more than a dozen concerts by the Rolling Stones and
5 many performances of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra; she
6 cherished spending time at her family home in Osage Beach,
7 Missouri, where she enjoyed hosting many gatherings; she loved
8 the Christmas season, and she was an avid fan of Purdue
9 University basketball; and

10 WHEREAS, Janell Farmer never met a stranger, and she had a
11 remarkable gift for welcoming new friends into her heart; she
12 valued being a mother above all else; and

13 WHEREAS, Janell Farmer was preceded in death by her
14 parents-in-law, Wallace and Faye Farmer, and her
15 siblings-in-law, Connie Farmer and Larry Lowe; and

16 WHEREAS, Janell Farmer is survived by her husband of 43
17 years, Jim Farmer; her son, Grant (Jenna) Farmer; her
18 grandson, Theodore Farmer; her parents, William and Mary
19 Hilton; her brothers, Dr. Mark (Denise) Hilton and Dr. Richard
20 (Judy) Hilton; her in-laws, Carol Lowe, Nancy Selinger, Bob
21 Selinger, and Bill Farmer; several nieces and nephews; and her
22 twin schnoodles, Hans and Franz; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Janell Farmer and extend our sincere condolences to her
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Janell Farmer as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.